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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING
DIGITALLY ENCODED AUDIO DATA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In the US national phase application of PCT/US00/11629 filed
herewith, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page, on the line directly after the title, please insert the following
paragraph:

-- This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application
serial no. 60/131,881 filed April 30, 1999, which is hereby incorporated herein by
reference, and which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International
Application PCT/US00/11629, filed April 28, 2000, which was published in
accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on November 9, 2000 in English.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims (which are the annexes of the International
Preliminary Examination Report) as follows. A marked-up version of the amended
claims is attached herewith.

1. In a portable audio data processing apparatus comprising a micro-
controller coupled to a digital signal processor, the apparatus having a key file and a
decryption program stored therein, the apparatus adapted to be removably coupled to